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## **SACRAMENTO UPDATE**

This memorandum contains a pursuit of County position on legislation related to requirements for the expenditure of Workforce Investment Act job training funds; a change of County position on legislation regarding the elimination of the Statewide Fingerprinting Imaging System and the appointment of security and safety personnel at Exposition Park; and updates on 13 County-advocacy measures.

### **Pursuit of County Position on Legislation**

**SB 734 (DeSaulnier)**, as amended on September 2, 2011, is the new vehicle for County-opposed SB 776 which as amended on August 15, 2011, would impose requirements related to the expenditure of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds for adult and dislocated worker job training programs, among other provisions. SB 776 failed passage in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 25, 2011.

SB 734 would, among other provisions, require that at least 25 percent beginning in program year 2012 and at least 30 percent beginning in program year 2016 of WIA funds for adult and dislocated workers be spent on job training programs. Up to 10 percent of leveraged resources may be credited to meeting the proposed threshold. SB 734 would also require that local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) that do not meet the expenditure requirements to provide the Employment Development Department (EDD) with a corrective action plan regarding those expenditures.

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The Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) indicates that SB 734, as amended on September 2, 2011, contains problematic provisions. In addition to continue to imposing new training threshold funding requirements, SB 734 contains onerous requirements for documenting leveraged resources which can be used to meet the training expenditure threshold. In order for leveraged resources to be counted as credit towards meeting the threshold, a local WIB would be required to collect and maintain records on leveraged funds spent on training under other programs, and EDD must be able to independently verify such training expenditures. These standards will make it difficult for local WIBs to receive credit for all of leveraged resources used for training, especially under programs which neither are administered by WIBs nor EDD, such as Federal Pell Grants. Moreover, under the bill, all costs of documenting training expenditures are the responsibility of the local WIBs.

The Department of Community and Senior Services indicates that SB 734 contains no funding for local WIBs and EDD to meet these new administrative requirements. Given that Federal WIA funds are declining and Federal law prohibits more than 10 percent of total WIA funding from being used for administration, it will be problematic for local WIBs to finance the additional cost of documenting compliance with the bill's training expenditure requirements. The bill also does not take into account potential future curtailments in WIA funding, which will make it increasingly difficult to maintain the current One Stop Career Center system and comply with Federal requirements that core and intensive services be provided before training services are provided to WIA participants if a higher percentage of WIA funding must be spent on training. Therefore, CSS and the Chief Executive Office recommend that the County oppose SB 734.

Because SB 734 is counter to existing Board policy to support proposals to provide greater flexibility over the administration, planning and use of WIA funds, and policy to support proposals that provide local elected officials greater control and flexibility over the administration, planning and implementation of employment and training programs, **the Sacramento advocates will oppose SB 734.** Opposition to SB 734 is also consistent with your Board directive on June 28, 2011 to oppose SB 776.

SB 734 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on September 6, 2011 and now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

#### **Change in County Position on Legislation**

**County-opposed unless amended AB 6 (Fuentes)**, which as amended on August 30, 2011, would maintain the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) for the CalWORKs Program, eliminate SFIS for the CalFresh Program, change CalWORKs and CalFresh reporting requirements from a quarterly to a semi-annual reporting period,

and establish a utility assistance initiative for CalFresh beneficiaries, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote 50 to 26 on September 2, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

This office and the Sacramento advocates worked closely with the author's office, the Administration and stakeholders to address the County's concerns regarding the loss of SFIS as an effective tool in deterring and detecting multiple cases of fraud, and while AB 6 was recently amended to maintain SFIS for the CalWORKs Program. The bill eliminates the SFIS requirement for all CalFresh applicants, including those who are also applying for General Relief. Therefore, consistent with existing Board policy to support efforts to fund and maintain SFIS for the CalWORKs and General Relief programs, **the Sacramento advocates will oppose AB 6, and request that Governor Brown veto this measure.** We will continue to work with the Administration to minimize any potential negative impacts on the County that may result in the passage of this bill.

**County-opposed SB 276 (Wright)**, which would have authorized the Executive Director of the California Science Center to appoint security and safety personnel if there is no Exposition Park Manager, was amended on September 2, 2011, to delete these provisions.

As amended, SB 276 is an urgency measure authored by Senator Ellen Corbett which would require the California Department of Public Health to adopt regulations regarding the types of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures that can be conducted in the cardiac catheterization laboratory at a general acute care hospital. Therefore, **the Sacramento advocates will remove opposition to SB 276 and take no position on this measure.** This office is working with the Department of Health Services to determine potential County impact of SB 276 as amended on September 2, 2011.

#### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-supported AB 499 (Atkins)**, which as introduced on February 17, 2011, would allow a minor age 12 or older to consent to medical care related to the prevention of a sexually transmitted disease, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 22 to 17 on August 31, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-opposed AB 1203 (Mendoza)**, which as amended on August 22, 2011, would expand the provisions of current law governing leaves of absence to participate in employee organization activities, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 49 to 27 on September 2, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported AB 1350 (Lara)**, which as amended on June 16, 2011, would require county auditors to verify that property tax rate increases or extensions, proposed by a local government to fund pension programs approved by voters prior to July 1, 1978, do not exceed the maximum rate authorized by law, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 78 to 1 on August 30, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 161 (Huff)**, which as amended August 26, 2011, would allow, in the absence of a school nurse, non-medical school personnel who have received training on a voluntary basis to administer anti-seizure medication to students who are suffering from epileptic seizures, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 35 to 4 on September 1, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 33 (Simitian)**, which as amended on August 18, 2011, would repeal the January 1, 2013 sunset date and make permanent provisions established by SB 1018, (Chapter 140, Statutes of 2005), that expanded the scope of the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act to include officers and employees of financial institutions as mandated reporters of financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 36 to 0 on August 30, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 194 (Governance and Finance Committee)**, the Local Government Omnibus Bill, which as amended on June 13, 2011, contains two County-sponsored items which would authorize a county, subject to the approval of its board of supervisors, to accept a payment of a donation, gift, bequest or devise made to or in favor of a county, or to or in favor of the board of supervisors of a county, by credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer; and raise the dollar limit on county highway contracts change orders from \$150,000 to \$210,000, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 38 to 0 on August 30, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 335 (Hernandez and Steinberg)**, which as amended on August 18, 2011, would extend the existing Medi-Cal hospital provider fee from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 71 to 3 on August 29, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 397 (Yee)**, which as amended on August 30, 2011, would authorize counties to develop and use an electronic voter registration system that will be operable until a statewide system is implemented, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 23 to 13 on September 2, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

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**County-opposed SB 469 (Vargas)**, which as amended on May 11, 2011, would require the inclusion of an economic impact report in any retail superstore development project permit application submitted to a city, county or city and county, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 46 to 28 on September 1, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 482 (Kehoe)**, which as amended on August 26, 2011, would transfer the primary responsibility for beach water quality monitoring from the State Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 22 to 14 on August 31, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 502 (Pavley)**, which as amended on August 15, 2011, would establish the Hospital Infant Feeding Protection Act and would require all general acute care hospitals and special hospitals which have a perinatal unit to have an infant-feeding policy in place or on the health system's website, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 28 to 9 on August 30, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor. .

**County-supported SB 586 (Pavley)**, which as amended on August 15, 2011, would impose a series of restrictions on the issuance of signature stamps by State-chartered banks and credit unions, and would define how revenues from fines for certain crimes against elder and dependent adults shall be dedicated to county Adult Protective Services Programs, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 25 to 13 on August 30, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 746 (Lieu)**, which as amended on August 30, 2011, would prohibit minors under 18 years of age from utilizing ultraviolet (UV) tanning devices, and would eliminate the option for parents to provide consent for their minor children over the age of 14 to use UV tanning devices, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 24 to 12 on September 2, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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